

REMARKS

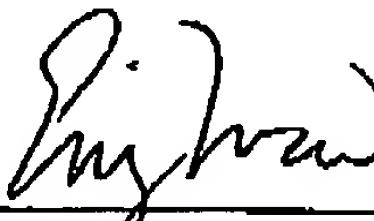
First and foremost, the Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for today's interview and for his kind efforts in expediting the prosecution of this application.

By the present amendment, claim 31 was cancelled and claims 22-25, 33, 34, 41, 43, and 45 were amended, without prejudice or disclaimer, to further clarify the claim language. Claims 21-25, 33-35, and 41-45 are now pending in this application.

In view of the present amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is considered to be in good and proper form for allowance and requests that the Examiner pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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